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Status

- 1) ___ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ___ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) X This action is non-final.
- 3) ___ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) X Claim(s) 1-8 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ___ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ___ Claim(s) ___ is/are allowed.
- 6) X Claim(s) 1-8 is/are rejected.
- 7) ___ Claim(s) ___ is/are objected to.
- 8) ___ Claim(s) ___ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ___ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ___ The drawing(s) filed on ___ is/are objected to by the Examiner.
- 11) ___ The proposed drawing correction filed on ___ is: a) ___ approved b) ___ disapproved.
- 12) ___ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 13) ___ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d).
- a) ___ All b) ___ Some * c) ___ None of the CERTIFIED copies of the priority documents have been:
1. ___ received.
 2. ___ received in Application No. (Series Code / Serial Number) ____.
 3. ___ received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 14) ___ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. & 119(e).

Attachment(s)

- 14) X Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 15) ___ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 16) X Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) dated 02/01/02 and 08/27/02.
- 17) ___ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). ____.
- 18) ___ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 19) X Other: Text Docs for USP6,393,455 and USP6,301,615

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DETAILED ACTION

1. Request for copy of Applicant's response on floppy disk:
Please help expedite the prosecution of this application by including, along with your amendment response in paper form, an electronic file copy in WordPerfect, Microsoft Word, or in ASCII text format on a 3½ inch IBM format floppy disk. Please include all pending claims along with your responsive remarks. Only the paper copy will be entered -- your floppy disk file will be considered a duplicate copy. Signatures are not required on the disk copy. The floppy disk copy is not mandatory, however, it will help expedite the processing of your application. Your cooperation is appreciated.

2. Applicant should supply updates on the related Application information
The cross-referenced Application information must accurately reflect the relevant status of the related cases. Applicant should carefully review the related applications and provide appropriate amendments to reflect the current information on each pending patent application.

3. The U.S. Patents used in the art rejections below have been provided as text documents which correspond to the U.S. Patents. The relevant portions of the text documents are cited according to page and line numbers in the art rejections below. For the convenience of Applicant, the cited sections are highlighted in the *text documents*.

4. Claim Rejections - 35 U.S.C. § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

5. Claims 1-8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Eilert et al. (U.S. Patent 6,393,455) in view of Kutcher (U.S. Patent 6,301,615).

As to claim 1, Eilert teaches a method for monitoring the performance of a digital networked system (performance data is employed to dynamically manage ...

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multisystem-wide goals, p3 47-55) wherein the system includes first and second platforms (systems 100-A, 100-B, p4 1-9) the method comprising

generating a first value indicating a characteristic of operation of the first platform (local performance index 152 ... on the local system, p5 41-50)

transferring the first value to the second platform (sending the local performance data to at least one other system of the multiple data processing systems, abstract).

Eilert does not explicitly disclose the additional limitations detailed below.

Kutcher teaches obtaining a second value indicating a characteristic of operation of the second platform (obtain certain performance data on computer 31, p6 27-40) and

combining the first and second values into a composite value (adapted ... from selected computers ... associated data in the form of a bar graph, p9 7-25) by adjusting one of the first or second values (output values may be manipulated mathematically, p8 17-20) to account for a difference in operation characteristics between the first and second platforms (values for parameters which are not included in the output may be calculated, Id.).

It would have been obvious to combine Kutcher's teachings with Eilert because the performance information available from various systems may not be congruous, however, the correlative monitor mechanism taught by Kutcher converts the "data into a standardized format", p7 38-47 that can readily be utilized in managing the heterogenous network to realize optimal operations.

As to claim 2, Kutcher teaches the "computers in the network may be of a number of different types", p4 35-43 which corresponds to the limitation of differences in the use of interrupts in processors in the first and second platforms.

As to claims 3-4, Kutcher (p6 40-55) teaches the "UNIX environment" which employs certain "thread" management that would differ from other OS types.

As to claim 5, Eilert teaches the difference in operation includes differences in memory management in the first and second platforms (each computer has its own OS, such as the Multiple Virtual Storage system, p4 1-9).

As to claims 6-8, Kutcher teaches the first and second platforms use different types of operating systems and CPUs (computers in the network may be of a number of different types ... run UNIX, DOS, or other operating systems, p4 35-43).

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6. The prior art of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to the applicant's disclosure. Specifically, the below reference(s) will also have relevancy to one or more elements of the Applicant's claimed invention as follows:

U.S. Patent No. 6,714,976 to Wilson et al. which teaches monitoring agents for system analysis in a heterogeneous network;

U.S. Patent No. 6,339,750 to Hoyer et al. which teaches the platform-independent monitoring tool;

U.S. Patent No. 5,949,976 to Chappelle which teaches the collection of diverse system statistics parsed into one composite; and,

U.S. Patent No. 5,375,199 to Harrow et al. which teaches the performance monitoring-data adjustment.

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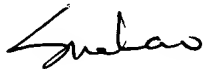
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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to George Opie at (571) 272-3766 or via e-mail at *George.Opie@uspto.gov*. Internet e-mail should not be used where sensitive data will be exchanged or where there exists a possibility that sensitive data could be identified unless there is an express waiver of the confidentiality requirements under 35 U.S.C. 122 by the Applicant. Sensitive data includes confidential information related to patent applications.



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